

Updated Population Data for 2014

According to guidelines from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the U.S. Census Bureau, who administer the national *Public Libraries Survey*, the population of each library's *Legal Service Area** should be updated annually. This makes national data comparable and ranking tables more accurate. Figures from the latest decennial census and official population estimates for the intervening years are used as the sources for this data element.

In FY 2013, we will be using official U.S. Census population estimates until the next decennial census.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. *Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013, Nebraska*. Release date for U.S. counties: March 2014; for cities and towns: May 2014.

****“The number of people in the geographic area for which a public library has been established to offer services and from which (or on behalf of which) the library derives revenue, plus any areas served under contract for which the library is the primary service provider.”** Institute of Museum and Library Services and the U.S. Census Bureau. **FY 2013 Public Libraries Survey: WebPLUS User's Guide**. January, 2014.